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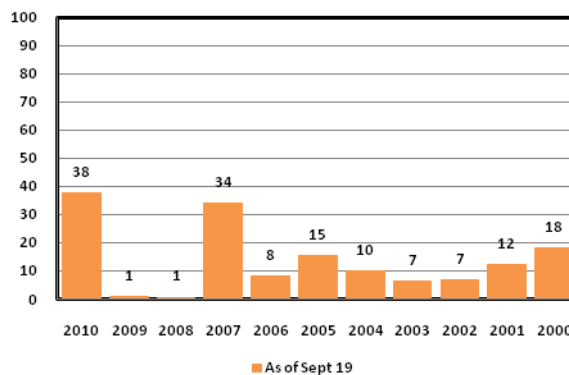
Agricultural Summary

Dry conditions for most of the week allowed harvest to progress nicely, before some weekend precipitation slowed harvest activities. Temperatures were slightly above normal for the week, except for the two northern districts. Statewide precipitation averaged .63 inches, .26 inches below normal. As a result, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week. The corn crop has reached 90 percent mature compared to the five-year average of 55 percent. An estimated 38 percent of the corn crop has been harvested compared to 12 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans turning yellow reached 87 percent with 65 percent of the crop shedding leaves. Ten percent of the soybean crop has been harvested compared to 5 percent for the five-year average. The seeding of the winter wheat crop is just getting started, with 3 percent completed. Topsoil moisture was rated at 6 percent very short, 25 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

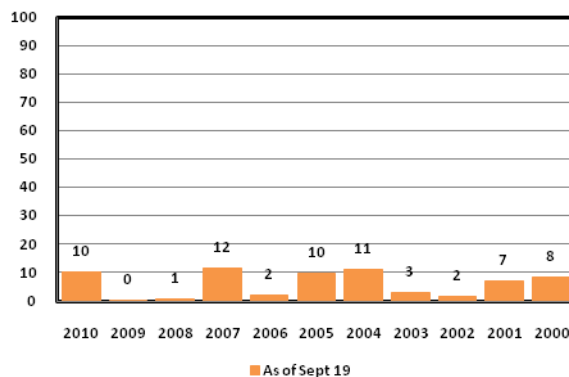
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
September 19				
CORN:				
Mature	90	79	12	55
Harvested	38	18	1	12
SOYBEANS:				
Turning Yellow	87	73	49	73
Shedding Leaves	65	42	18	44
Harvested	10	3	0	5
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	94	89	74	86
Mature	74	52	19	52
Harvested	26	15	0	11
ALFALFA:				
Third Cut	96	92	94	96
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	3	1	1	2

Corn - Percent Harvested Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois



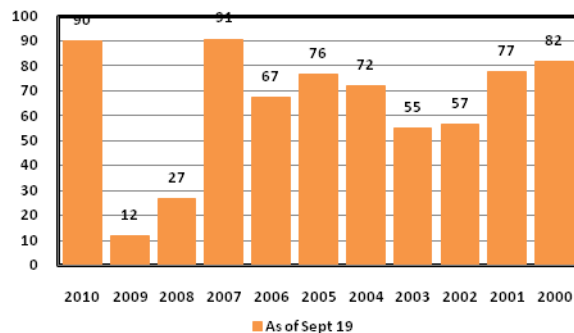
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 19					
Corn	4	13	29	42	12
Soybeans	3	7	30	46	14
Sorghum	4	6	26	51	13
Pasture	5	9	37	42	7

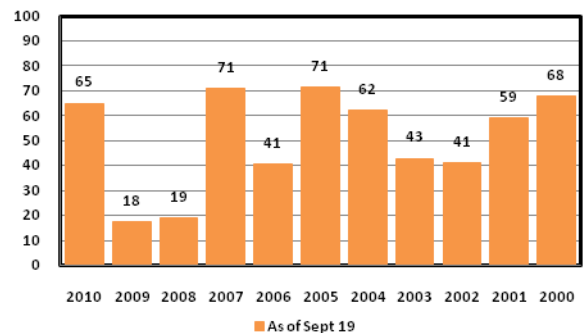
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Sept. 13 - 19	September 19			
Northwest	5.7	2	16	81	1
Northeast	6.0	-	13	86	1
West	5.6	-	4	76	20
Central	5.9	2	16	67	15
East	6.3	10	64	26	-
W Southwest	6.0	-	1	87	12
E Southeast	6.4	6	44	48	2
Southwest	6.3	-	14	81	5
Southeast	6.7	58	37	5	-
State	6.1	6	25	63	6

Corn - Percent Mature
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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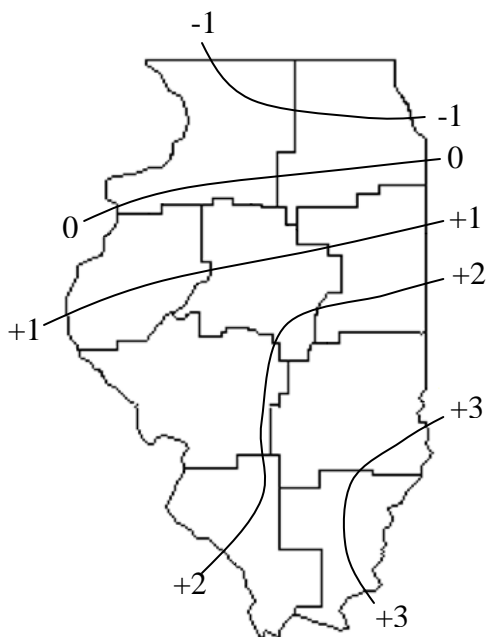


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

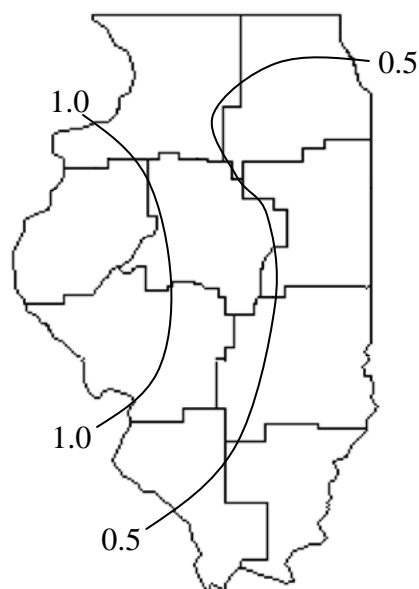
District	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
September 19					
Northwest	84	16	94	78	4
Northeast	84	14	91	77	7
West	82	13	79	47	1
Central	96	42	92	76	9
East	98	59	97	82	19
W Southwest	91	44	79	46	3
E Southeast	91	52	82	55	13
Southwest	96	77	84	68	6
Southeast	99	74	89	75	15
State	90	38	87	65	10

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 13 - 19						
Northwest	62.9	-0.5	0.78	-0.23	2,854	198
Northeast	62.8	-1.1	0.43	-0.54	2,869	246
West	66.9	1.0	1.52	0.43	3,137	225
Central	67.2	1.4	0.91	-0.04	3,093	244
East	67.4	1.7	0.38	-0.46	3,084	276
W Southwest	68.7	1.5	0.97	0.10	3,233	224
E Southeast	70.0	2.4	0.13	-0.57	3,308	278
Southwest	70.4	2.1	0.36	-0.49	3,429	297
Southeast	71.9	3.1	0.15	-0.63	3,492	324
State	67.4	1.2	0.63	-0.26	3,152	253



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 13 - 19



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 13 - 19

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